

I am opposed to this initiative. Without a minimum entrance standard, the Amateur Radiop service will be little more than glorified CB. There are already enough problems on the bands without exacerbating the situation. Back in 1968, incentive licensing forced many, including me, to upgrade by way of honing our skills. This initiative will require no skill to speak of, and will result in a flood of unqualified operators on the bands. We once were an elite service. Today, we are little more than a glorified CB service and often are mistaken for CB when we set up at fairs and exhibitions. I urge you to throw out this initiative and not make this misconception a reality